

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 9, 2009. Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is improper as the claims of the present application have not been subjected to a restriction requirement and 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 is directed to matters of form and not substantive matters. While Applicants do not agree that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was proper, Applicants have nevertheless amended independent claims 1, 21-23, and 28. Applicants have also canceled claims 24-27. Applicants note that independent claims 1, 21-23, and 28 are now clearly narrower versions of the respective claims that were previously presented. Applicants' remarks in Applicants' prior Reply remain pertinent and for brevity are not repeated herein.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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